



## **MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

**Lowe House Office Building Room 150**

**Annapolis, Maryland**

**25 June 2014**

### Attendees:

Prescott Gaylord – MDGBC  
Stephen Gilliss – DGS  
Mimi Wright - MDGBC  
Anja Caldwell - MDGBC  
Tom Liebel – MDGBC  
Lisa Ferretto -MDGBC  
Anne Raines- MDGBC  
Mark Beck – USM  
David Costello - MDE

Martha Shrader – USM  
Lauren Buckler - DGS  
Soren Graae -DBM  
David St. Jean - MEA  
Meg Andrews - MDOT  
Caroline Varney - Alvarado– DHCD  
Kristen Ahearn - MEA  
David Lever - PSCP

### Support:

Josh Cohen - DGS  
Crystal Lemieux – DLS  
Tonya Zimmerman - DLS  
Kelly Walker – DGS  
James Ley – DGS

Anne Jackson - DGS  
Ellen Robertson – DGS  
Joan Cadden – DGS  
Michael Fortin - DGS

### Guests:

Chris Parts- AIAMD  
Stuart Kaplow – SDK, PA  
Adam Baker – USGBCMD

- I. Introduction of new Council Chair Prescott Gaylord – by Lauren Buckler - DGS
- II. Greetings/Introductions/Sign In
- III. Approval of meeting summary from the May 28, 2014 meeting
- IV. Green Procurement event update – by Anne Jackson- DGS
  - A. Anne Jackson spoke about the Maryland Green Purchasing Program that will be held on July 17, 2014 Keynote speaker will be Treasurer Nancy Kopp leading the way in green purchasing. 165 people have registered as well 60 organizations and or jurisdictions.
  - B. Lauren Buckler said that there would be an opportunity for the MGBBC to have a table at the event but that there was not a lot of material also someone need to man the table.
  - C. Prescott – asked is there a specific need for the council to be there? If yes we should be there however we don't want to just advertise the Council. How are messages for this group of attendees to disseminate the information and is this the population of people we want to get? Lauren – said there might be some but isn't a big percentage of attendees. Anne Jackson– said most likely not. Mimi- asked what the purpose of the event was. Ann Jackson – said there are several goals of the conference:
    - (1) Education component regarding what the State is doing
    - (2) DGS is the control authority of purchases of green products in energy services, computer.

(3) Larger goal is to make people aware of the green products usage contracts.

- D. Anne Raines – asked if we should survey them on products that they are using etc. David Costello- asked has a survey been done before on a Green Products event. Anne Jackson- said that they will be doing a post conference survey. The committee has representation from State agencies. She will ask if we can share the email addresses. Anja – said it would serve the MGBC better to get people to show up and support the conference but to not have a table. Prescott – asked if we should do a survey and if so what do we want to survey?
- E. Tom Liebel – asked about the use of green materials, carpet, ceiling tiles. Anne Jackson – said that some people use green materials according to their policies.
- F. Steve Gillis – said so far we haven't evolved into replacement materials.
- G. Anne Jackson – mentioned that specifications have been developed for paint, lighting appliances and equipment.
- H. Prescott – said let's use networks to get people to attend. He asked Anne Raines to develop questions for the survey.
- I. Anne Jackson – said keep in mind that this is a public event and focused towards government purchasing officers.

- V. Update on the IgCC- Steve Gilliss – We've had two more telephone conferences and went over sections 4, 5 and 6, 7 and most of 8. We're working at it going over point by point. I am not sure of the time table of completion. We will get it done and get a draft out as soon as we can. Prescott asked- if we could put dates to it and also asked how many more chapters are there. Steve Gilliss responded – 9, 10 and we have to jump back to the early implementation sections. There are also the electives to review 4-5 chapters left. If we do one and half chapters a week so maybe it will be done in another month in a half. Prescott - asked – Is there anything we can do to speed things up. Steve – Not really. Hopefully a draft will be completed before I go on vacation July 11, 2014

VI. Vision for the Council –

Prescott – What logistical things do we want to get done in the next 6 months?

- (1) Finish IgCC work we've done.
  - (2) Create a new vision document for the Governor and legislators.
  - (3) State of Green Buildings, state of Green Buildings in Maryland.
  - (4) Get Speakers and education.
- A. David Costello – said MDE has worked on climate control and zero waste. We need a broader plan for greener buildings. To what extent are State facilities green? How are they ranked, how many are we likely to build? How about leased spaces? We need a roadmap to greener state facilities, an action plan for the next decade to 20 years. What percentage of leased space and new constructed space are green. Mark Beck – would like to build on David Costello's statement we have all these councils and agencies etc. without central corporation of these things. Solid waste, operations, water, storm water, greenhouse gas Net zero carbon emissions.
  - B. Tom Liebel asked – Should we have binders created for the transition team for the new administration. We should forge a relationship with the sustainable growth commission.
  - C. Anja – Said we should do a case study of projects. 15 minutes presentation of users of our green buildings.
  - D. David St. Jean – Energy has been working towards a 20% savings goal by 2020 – support from the Council will help. MEA has had difficulty getting State agencies to take free audits. Lauren asked if it would help for each of those agencies at the GBC to speak with your agencies energy coordinators and recommend using MEA's audits.

- E. Anja – asked is there a way to make sure each agency has a sustainability coordinator? Or is this just unique to DGS? Anne Jackson’s title is Sustainability Coordinator. Prescott said this is probably beyond our Council. David Costello – said the Governor’s office really needs to push this. Prescott said we need to incorporate awareness and visibility for this position in the vision statement. Tom said next year legislation could get sustainability coordinator by statute. Carolyn Varney – Alvarado said the facilities person at DHCD is doing sustainability whether there is a coordinator or not.
- F. David Lever – would like the Council to compile research on the benefits of Green Building.
- G. Anne Raines – talked of the need for a baseline for energy. Lauren – said the DGS Energy Office tracking is heads and tails above other States with 98% completion for energy data. Maryland has every meter, every month and we have a 2008 baseline. Water is not as good because bills are quarterly. It’s a little trickier than energy.
- H. Anne Raines – asked if there was an existing state building inventory? That would be helpful to have. David St. Jean said we can get an accurate inventory of state buildings from DGS office of Real Estate and the Comptrollers office.
- I. Mimi said it is critical to get a water baseline. Water was the #2 issue with farmers at a recent event she attended. She would like John Grace to speak about water; his speech gets your attention. David Costello – responded yes, let’s see how water data can be better captured.
- J. Lisa Ferretto – would like to see partnerships with the other “green” commissions – like sustainable growth commission. Sustainability is not just about buildings – it extends into site procurement and into operations and maintenance.  
David Lever asked - Should the Council push boundaries of unconventional wood structures, wood energy, other. Prescott – said we need to find that out.
- K. Caroline Varney – Alvarado – asked if we need a better website for document sharing, health and climate issues and sustainability growth.
- L. Prescott – said we need to close this out we also need a volunteer to chair and form a committee to work on a vision document for the Council. Kristin Ahearn – said she will volunteer. Meg said that she would participate. Mark Beck, Lisa Ferretto will also volunteer once they’re finish with the IgCC.

## VII. Green Building Implementation –

- A. Preston – moving on to the High Performance Green Building document. In the introduction do we want a full history of the legislation? Or do we want to leave the legislation for the Council? Steve – said it’s not necessary to incorporate all of the legislation it’s available in other places.
- B. Tom Liebel – said the IgCC has not been approved yet. Prescott – responded that MDGBC can go ahead with the draft edits and wait until the rest is passed to complete the final draft.
- C. David Lever – said he has a timing issue, since he needs to push forward regulations this summer on indoor air quality in relocatable classrooms and will reference sections of Chapter 8 of the IgCC. David said he would develop a draft of the regulations for input by the Council.
- D. Mimi – said we focus on energy, but need to broaden our concerns.
- E. David Lever – said the document could be expanded to include how buildings are located.
- F. David St. John – said we could broaden our mission to expand Green Buildings. Kristen Ahearn – said we should lead by example.

## VIII. Once Around the Table –

- A. Prescott – Thank you for the warm welcome and Tom thank you for the transition meeting.
- B. David Lever – said he was meeting with local officials later this afternoon regarding school funding.
- C. David St. Jean – said on June 17th and 18th, 19th he held a retuning training at Towson University and 28 facility managers from around the State showed up. The training was filmed and will be on YouTube.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. the next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2014 in Room 150 in the Lowe House Office Building.

The preceding is intended as a summary only of the discussions held on this meeting date. Council members are requested to review the summary and notify the writer of any errors, omissions or unintended misrepresentations of the discussion.